



Location:

Mesa Community College's Study Abroad in Ireland program will be held on the campus of Athlone Institute of Technology located in the medieval city of Athlone, County Westmeath, Ireland. Situated in the heart of Ireland astride the river Shannon, Athlone is a city rich in culture and history.

The city is home to Athlone Castle which controlled trade along the river through the center of the island nation for much of its history.

Modern Athlone is a center of industry and education and home to one of Ireland's major institutes of technology. Its central location in the heart of Ireland makes access to the rest of the country convenient via road, rail, and bus.



registration process:

1. Complete the program application located on the SAI website at www.mc.maricopa.edu/sai and submit to the program director listed below.
2. Read the fine print, including refund policies, on the program website.
3. After you are approved, pay your program fee.
4. If you are not a current or former MCC student, apply for MCC admission by going to www.mc.maricopa.edu/students/admissions/enroll or by calling 480.461.7700 and press "1" for registration.
5. Register and pay for the courses you would like to take as part of the program.
6. Attend the Study Abroad in Ireland program orientations (date and location TBA).
7. Pack your luggage and get ready for the experience of a lifetime!

Minimum age requirement for the SAI program is 18. International programs may not conform to U.S. Federal ADA guidelines for accommodations.

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scholarships:

- For MCC scholarship opportunities and additional resources, visit www.mc.maricopa.edu/international/studyabroad/scholarships.html or your campus International Education Dept.
- Visit your campus Financial Aid Office for other funding options.

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A Maricopa Community College
The Maricopa County Community College District is an EEO/AA institution



includes:

Round-trip airfare from Phoenix to Ireland, ground transportation in Ireland, housing, weekly excursions to major historic/literary sites, and tuition for two courses (*three credit hours each, additional courses extra*).

estimated cost:

The estimated cost for Study Abroad Ireland (SAI) can vary from year to year due to fluctuations in international markets. Visit the SAI website for specific details: www.mc.maricopa.edu/sai.



Croí Óige Apartments

housing:

Participants will be housed in the Croí Óige (“young at heart”) student apartments across the street from the AIT campus. These self-catering apartments come with fully equipped kitchens, color televisions, high-speed internet access, iron and ironing boards, laundry facilities, and electronic security. All you have to do is fill the refrigerator!

program:

Study Abroad in Ireland is an academic program, part of the International Education emphasis at Mesa Community College. This program offers participants the opportunity to accumulate university transferable credits while being immersed in the magnificently rich culture of Ireland. Participants spend four and a half weeks surrounded by the opulent splendor of the Emerald Isle!

But modern Ireland is a nation in transition. A full partner in the European Union, Ireland’s economy and society is experiencing a significant transformation. What was once a quiet agricultural land is now a center of industry. Information technology and biotechnology have transformed the Republic of Ireland into what some have called “the Celtic Tiger.” Participants in this Summer program will have the opportunity to study the past and see the future unfolding at the same time.

courses offered:

Participants are required to enroll in a minimum of six credit hours (two classes). Classes are held Monday through Thursday, and vary between sessions.

Course offerings are fully accredited and include:

- ART 295DC** *Studio Art (Fundamentals of Digital Photography)*
- ASB 231** *Archaeological Field Methods*
- ENH 290** *Modern Irish Literature and Culture*
- HIS 251** *Ancient History of Ireland*
- HIS 254** *Modern History of Ireland*
- MHL 149** *Traditional Irish Music*
- STO 290** *The Art of Storytelling: The Celtic Tradition*
- REL 250** *History of Religion in Ireland: Ancient to Medieval*
- REL 251** *History of Religion in Ireland: Medieval to Modern*

excursion sites:

Major excursions are scheduled for each Friday and vary between sessions. Excursion sites include:

- Loughcrew (*Neolithic passage tombs, Co. Meath*)
- Clonmacnoise (*Early Medieval Monastery, Co. Offaly*)
- Emo Court (*Palladian style Great House, Co. Laois*)
- Trim Castle (*Anglo-Norman castle, Co. Meath*)



- Dublin City
(*Co. Dublin*)
- Galway City
(*Co. Galway*)
- Clonfert Cathedral
(*Medieval Cathedral, Co. Galway*)